

Earth Day Activities Planned April 21-22 at SWOSU

04.13.2010

Earth Day is coming up April 22, and Southwestern Oklahoma State University students are organizing a variety of activities on the Weatherford campus.

Activities will actually start on the evening of April 21 with a drum circle and storytelling from 7 p.m. until 12 midnight at the SWOSU Clock Tower.

On April 22, there will be tours of the campus organic farm facility located at the athletic complex near the soccer and baseball fields. The students refer to the garden as "COFFEE" for the "Campus Organic Farm Facility & Earthen Enterprises." Vans will be shuttling visitors from the clock tower cul-de-sac on the hour and half hour beginning at 12 noon.

At the Memorial Student Center, there were will be:

- Hand crafted displays
- Hand crafted jewelry and environmentally friendly earth day t-shirts for sale
- Recycled plastics weaving project
- A buffalo corralled in the southwest lawn of the Student Center....the buffalo is from the Cheyenne Arapaho tribal herd and is the "eternal earth symbol" for most of the Plains tribes
- Padobe/papercrete workshop
- A tree planting
- Native American music/dance provided by the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribal College
- Garb-artwork contest and workshop

Students wanting to show original 'garb art' are welcome to get information in the office of the Dean of Students Office, Stafford Center 214. The garb art contest will be judged at 3 p.m. by Bradley Jennings with \$50, \$25 and \$10 gift cards as prizes.

SWOSU student Murv Thornton said a solar hot dog fry will be held beginning at 12 noon and throughout the afternoon. Students will be cooking hot dogs with a solar-powered parabolic fryer.

Students will also be helping that day with the Weatherford Clean Parks Campaign.